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**For: Use of Post-Transcriptional Gene Silencing for Identifying Nucleic Acid
Sequences that Modulate the Function of a Cell**

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- ☒ Documents 1, 2 and 4 listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in a foreign search or examination report corresponding to European application serial no. 02250681.0 and mailed on August 8, 2006. This application is related to the instant application.
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